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(54) Title: **PERSONAL CLEANSING COMPOSITION AND METHOD**

(57) **Abstract:** An aqueous foam producing personal cleansing composition is disclosed. The composition, which is normally clear and is essentially free of any amides of diethanolamine, comprises a cloud point depressing agent comprising ammonium chloride. The composition of the present invention is characterized by a low cloud point temperature such that the risk of forming an undesirable precipitate in the composition is reduced. Also disclosed is a method of reducing the cloud point temperature in a normally clear aqueous personal cleansing composition which is essentially free of amides of diethanolamine. The method comprises adding ammonium chloride to the composition.

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**PERSONAL CLEANSING COMPOSITION AND METHOD**TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION

5 The present invention relates generally to personal  
cleansing compositions, including shampoos. In  
particular, the present invention relates to an aqueous  
personal cleansing composition which is transparent and  
which exhibits a reduced cloud point temperature.

10 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

A wide variety of personal cleansing products have  
included amides of diethanolamine (such as, for example,  
cocamide diethanolamine), which function as stabilizers,  
emulsifiers, and/or foaming agents in such products.  
15 Amides of diethanolamine are also effective in depressing  
the cloud point temperature of transparent formulations  
in which they are included. As a result, the onset of a  
cloudy appearance caused by formation of precipitates in  
such conventional compositions occurs only at low  
20 temperatures (e.g., 4°C or below). Cleansing  
compositions exhibiting such low cloud point temperatures  
are particularly desirable because they remain  
transparent over an extended temperature range and are  
therefore aesthetically pleasing to consumers. Indeed,  
25 undesirable precipitate formation, which diminishes the  
transparency of the compositions, is avoided under most  
conditions in compositions containing amides of  
diethanolamine.

Despite these advantages, products that include  
30 amides of diethanolamine are no longer entirely  
satisfactory in view of studies which have implicated  
diethanolamine as a cancer-causing ingredient in  
laboratory animals. Such study results may affect the  
purchase decisions of consumers, who have a proclivity to  
35 avoid products that may be linked to cancer. Although  
research efforts studying whether there is any connection  
between amides of diethanolamine and cancer have been

inconclusive to date, consumers are increasingly seeking alternative cosmetic products which do not contain amides of diethanolamine in their formulations.

Nevertheless, it has been very difficult to develop  
5 alternative cleansing products that are free of amides of diethanolamine without compromising the desired functionality and/or aesthetics of the products, especially with respect to products that are normally transparent. For example, many cleansing compositions  
10 that are free of diethanolamine (e.g., those products that contain sodium lauryl sulfate as an anionic cleansing agent) are characterized by undesirably higher cloud point temperatures (e.g., 12°C), as compared with conventional cleansing compositions that contain amides  
15 of diethanolamine. Often, cleansing product formulations that are free of amides of diethanolamine have a cloud point temperature that is significantly higher (e.g., by 50% or more) than the cloud point temperature found in corresponding formulations that contain amides of  
20 diethanolamine.

As a result, many formulations that exclude amides of diethanolamine are ill-suited for practical use. While such compositions may be normally clear and aesthetically pleasing to consumers at a temperature  
25 above the cloud point temperature, for example, at room temperature, the relatively high cloud point temperature of such formulations (which are generally closer to room temperature than formulations that contain amides of diethanolamine) render those compositions more  
30 susceptible to precipitate formation such that the transparency of the compositions would diminish. Because of the increased risk that such compositions would be subjected to a temperature below the cloud point temperature, such as, for example, during storage, when  
35 transported, or the like, precipitate formation may be more apt to occur such that the product would become aesthetically unappealing, thereby leading to consumer

rejection. As a related complication, conventional  
cleansing compositions that are not stabilized with an  
amide of diethanolamine also exhibit an undesirably high  
"recovery time," that is, the amount of time required for  
5 a composition that has been chilled to a temperature  
below its cloud point to return to a clear appearance  
upon reaching a temperature above its cloud point.  
Often, such compositions require several hours to  
reassume a normally clear appearance.

10 Accordingly, it will be appreciated that there  
exists a need in the art for a transparent personal  
cleansing composition which is free of amides of  
diethanolamine and which does not suffer from an  
undesirably high cloud point temperature. There is also  
15 a need for a personal cleansing composition which, in the  
unwanted event that the composition is subjected to an  
environment in which the temperature is at or below the  
cloud point temperature, rapidly recovers its normally  
transparent appearance upon reaching a temperature above  
20 its cloud point temperature. These and other objects and  
advantages of the present invention, as well as  
additional inventive features, will be apparent from the  
description of the invention provided herein.

#### 25 BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides a normally clear  
personal cleansing composition which is essentially free  
of amides of diethanolamine and which is characterized by  
a desirably low cloud point temperature. The composition  
30 of the present invention comprises water and a cloud  
point depressing agent comprising ammonium chloride.

The present invention also provides a method of  
reducing the cloud point temperature in a normally clear  
aqueous personal cleansing composition which is  
35 essentially free of amides of diethanolamine. The method  
comprises adding ammonium chloride to the composition.

Advantageously, the present invention permits the exclusion of amides of diethanolamine in a cleansing composition without causing the composition to have an undesirably high cloud point temperature. As a result, not only is the composition nontoxic and safe for consumer use in cleansing products, but also the risk of forming an undesirable precipitate in the composition, including, for example, during storage and/or transportation conditions, is attenuated in view of the reduced cloud point temperature exhibited by the composition. Moreover, even in the unwanted event that the composition is exposed to temperatures at or below the composition's cloud point temperature, the composition is characterized by a relatively short recovery time for returning to clarity upon reaching a temperature above the cloud point temperature after being chilled to a temperature below the cloud point temperature. As such, the present invention provides a cleansing composition with enhanced stability and which is aesthetically pleasing.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The present invention is predicated, at least in part, on providing a normally clear cleansing composition which is essentially free of amides of diethanolamine and which has a desirably low cloud point temperature. In particular, the composition comprises water and a cloud point depressing agent comprising ammonium chloride. Surprisingly, in accordance with the present invention, by including ammonium chloride in the composition, it has been found that the cloud point temperature of the composition is reduced even though the composition is essentially free of any amides of diethanolamine. The composition can be used in personal products, such as, for example, shampoos and the like.

The inventive personal cleansing composition is aqueous. In this respect, the amount of water (diluent)

in the composition can range, for example, from about 25% to about 80% by weight of the composition, preferably from about 40% to about 70% by weight of the composition, and even more preferably from about 50% to about 60% by weight of the composition.

The composition of the present invention also includes ammonium chloride, which serves to depress the cloud point temperature of the composition. Preferably, ammonium chloride is provided in an amount such that the composition exhibits a cloud point temperature of about 6°C or below, more preferably about 4°C or below, even more preferably about 2°C or below, still more preferably about 0°C or below, and even still more preferably about -2°C or below. As alternative or additional features of the present invention, the ammonium chloride is preferably provided in an amount sufficient to reduce the cloud point temperature exhibited by the composition by at least about 20%, and more preferably by at least about 40%, as compared with a corresponding formulation absent the ammonium chloride; and/or the ammonium chloride is preferably in an amount sufficient to depress the cloud point temperature by at least about 8°C, and more preferably by at least about 10°C, as compared with a corresponding formulation absent the ammonium chloride.

In addition to its cloud point depressing feature, the ammonium chloride also advantageously serves as a thickener (i.e., viscosity enhancer) for the composition of the present invention. As a result, the inventive composition need not include any additional thickener, although an additional thickener can be added, if desired. The viscosity of the inventive composition is not narrowly critical, but compositions having a viscosity within a certain range are desirable because of enhanced consumer appeal. In this respect, the viscosity of the composition of the present invention preferably ranges from about 1,500 cps to about 20,000 cps, more preferably from about 2,000 cps to about 15,000 cps, and

still more preferably from about 4,000 cps to about 8,000 cps.

Accordingly, as noted above, ammonium chloride is provided in the composition in an amount sufficient to  
5 depress the cloud point temperature of the composition, and it is also preferably provided in an amount sufficient to impart the composition with a desired viscosity, such as, for example, a viscosity within the preferred ranges described above. For example, ammonium  
10 chloride preferably is provided in the composition in an amount of from about 0.001% to about 5% by weight of the composition, more preferably in an amount of from about 0.01% to about 2% by weight of the composition, and even more preferably in an amount of from about 0.2% to about  
15 0.5% by weight of the composition.

The composition also desirably includes at least one cleansing agent in an effective amount. By way of example, the composition can include a primary anionic cleansing agent, such as sodium lauryl sulfate.  
20 Significantly, previously known formulations that included sodium lauryl sulfate exhibited particularly high cloud point temperatures. However, the present invention permits the use of sodium lauryl sulfate inasmuch as the cloud point temperature is depressed by  
25 the inclusion of ammonium chloride in the inventive composition. Preferably, the composition also includes a secondary anionic cleansing agent, such as, for example, sodium laureth sulfate.

The primary anionic cleansing agent is preferably  
30 included in the composition in an amount of from about 5% to about 45% by weight of the composition, more preferably in an amount of from about 20% to about 40% by weight of the composition, and still more preferably in an amount of from about 25% to about 35% by weight of the  
35 composition. The secondary anionic cleansing agent, if any, can be included in the composition in an amount of from about 0.01% to about 10% by weight of the

composition, more preferably in an amount of from about 0.05% to about 8% by weight of the composition, and still more preferably in an amount of from about 0.1% to about 5% by weight of the composition.

5        Aside from anionic cleansing agents, additional cleansing agents, such as, for example, one or more amphoteric cleansing agents (i.e., agents having both anionic and cationic portions) and/or other classes of tertiary cleansing agents, can be included in the  
10        inventive composition, if desired. Amphoteric cleansing agents are well known in the art. The presence of such additional cleansing agents is preferred in order to offer foam boosting such that the stability of the composition is enhanced and/or to promote the mildness of  
15        the composition. By way of example, preferred amphoteric cleansing agents that can be included in the inventive composition include, but are not limited to, one or more betaines, such as, for example, cocamidopropyl betaine. Also, other types of "non-anionic" cleansing agents which  
20        are also well known in the art can be included as alternatives or in addition to the amphoteric cleansing agents. For example, suitable cleansing agents can be selected from additional classes of cleansing agents such as, but not limited to, amine oxides, nonionic acyl  
25        polyglucosides, or combinations thereof.

      These additional non-anionic cleansing agents, e.g., the amphoteric cleansing agents and/or other classes of cleansing agents such as amine oxides, nonionic acyl polyglucosides, and combinations thereof (as discussed  
30        above) can be included in any effective amount in the inventive composition. By way of example, these non-anionic cleansing agents preferably can be provided in an amount of from about 0.1% to about 20% by weight of the composition, more preferably in an amount of from about  
35        0.5% to about 15% by weight of the composition, and even more preferably in an amount of from about 2% to about 10% by weight of the composition.



Although not essential, at least one preservative in any effective amount is useful in preferred personal cleansing compositions of the invention. The term "preservative," as used herein, includes preservative aids such as chelating agents. Examples of suitable preservatives and/or preservative aids include, for example, disodium EDTA, trisodium EDTA, tetrasodium EDTA, DMDM hydantoin, and combinations thereof. As will be appreciated by one of ordinary skill in the art, DMDM hydantoin is understood worldwide pursuant to the nomenclature for cosmetic products set forth in the International Cosmetic Ingredient Directory and Handbook. The chemical name for DMDM hydantoin is 1,3-dimethylol-5,5-dimethyl hydantoin, which is commercially available from Lonza, Inc. of Fairlawn, New Jersey under the trade name "Glydant." Preferably, the preservative is provided in an amount of from about 0.001% to about 1.75% by weight of the composition, more preferably in an amount of from about 0.05% to about 0.4% by weight of the composition, and even more preferably in an amount of from about 0.1% to about 0.4% by weight of the composition.

The preservative included in the composition of the present invention preferably includes both a primary preservative (e.g., DMDM hydantoin) in conjunction with a chelating agent (e.g., tetrasodium EDTA, trisodium EDTA, disodium EDTA, or combinations thereof). The chelating agent not only helps to potentiate the efficiency of the primary preservative, it may also bind to metal ions that might be present in water used by a consumer. Inclusion of a chelating agent thus enhances the soaping/surfactant abilities of the cleansing agents present in the composition.

In some embodiments, the preservative includes tetrasodium EDTA and DMDM hydantoin in combination. In such embodiments, the tetrasodium EDTA is preferably present in an amount of from about 0.001% to about 1% by

weight of the composition, more preferably in an amount of from about 0.01% to about 0.1% by weight of the composition, and even more preferably in an amount of from about 0.03% to about 0.07% by weight of the composition. In these embodiments, the DMDM hydantoin is preferably present in an amount of from about 0.01% to about 0.75% by weight of the composition, more preferably in an amount of from about 0.05% to about 0.4%, and still more preferably in an amount of from about 0.1% to about 0.4% by weight of the composition.

The personal cleansing composition of the present invention can have any suitable pH. Preferably, the inventive composition exhibits a pH of from about 3.5 to about 7.5, more preferably of from about 4 to about 6.5, and even more preferably of from about 4.5 to about 6.

If desired, the inventive composition can optionally include a pH adjuster in order to provide the composition with a pH within the preferred ranges. Examples of suitable pH adjusters include, but are not limited to, citric acid, lactic acid, phosphoric acid, hydrochloric acid, and combinations thereof. The pH adjuster, if included, can be provided in any effective amount. Preferably, the pH adjuster is included in the composition in an amount of from about 0.01% to about 0.5% by weight of the composition, more preferably in an amount of from about 0.05% to about 0.2% by weight of the composition, and even more preferably in an amount of from about 0.08% to about 0.15% by weight of the composition.

Other optional ingredients that may be useful in the personal cleansing composition of the present invention include, for example, hair strengtheners (e.g., proteins or protein derivatives), vitamins, conditioning agents (e.g., quaternary ammonium conditioning agents), fragrances, dyes, and combinations thereof. With respect to the hair strengthener, examples of this optional ingredient include, but are not limited to, hydrolyzed

collagen, wheat, rice, soy, oat, silk and combinations thereof. If included, the hair strengthener desirably is present in an amount of from about 0.001% to about 2% by weight of the composition, more preferably of from about  
5 0.01% to about 1.5% by weight of the composition, and even more preferably of from about 0.1% to about 1% by weight of the composition.

The inventive composition is normally clear, and can be colorless or colored as desired. Indeed, any of a  
10 number of suitable dyes and/or fragrances (e.g., fruity or floral) can also be included, if desired. If included, the optional dyes and/or fragrances preferably are present in an amount ranging from about 0.1% to about 2% by weight of the composition.

15 Examples of suitable vitamins and/or conditioning agents include, but are not limited to, vitamin E, vitamin A, vitamin C, provitamin B5, ergocalciferol, tocopherol, polyquat-7, polyquat-10, cocotrimonium chloride, and combinations thereof. If included, the  
20 vitamins and/or conditioning agents can be provided in any effective amount. For example, the conditioning agent can be included in the composition in an amount of from about 0.01% to about 2% by weight of the composition, more preferably in an amount of from about  
25 0.5% to about 1.5% by weight of the composition, and even more preferably in an amount of about 1% by weight of the composition. Vitamins are preferably included in the composition in an amount of from about 0.0001% to about 0.01% by weight of the composition and more preferably in  
30 an amount of from about 0.0001% to about 0.0003% by weight of the composition.

Surprisingly, the composition of the present invention not only exhibits a depressed cloud point temperature, but the composition is also characterized by  
35 a recovery time which is faster than the recovery time of the composition absent the ammonium chloride cloud point depressing agent. The term "recovery time," as used

herein, refers to the length of time required for the composition to return to its normally clear condition upon reaching a temperature above the cloud point temperature, after the composition has been chilled to a  
5 temperature below the cloud point temperature.

Preferably, the recovery time exhibited by the inventive composition is no more than one-half of the recovery time exhibited by a corresponding composition absent the ammonium chloride subjected to the same conditions (e.g.,  
10 subjected to the same temperature shifts), and more preferably the recovery time demonstrated by the inventive composition is no more than one-third the recovery time of a corresponding composition absent the ammonium chloride under the same conditions. In  
15 preferred embodiments, the composition according to the invention is characterized by a recovery time of less than 1 hour upon being subjected to room temperature, after the composition has been chilled below the cloud point.

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The following Examples further illustrate the present invention, but, of course, should not be construed as in any way limiting its scope. Quantities are in percent by weight of the total composition, unless  
25 otherwise indicated.

#### EXAMPLE I

This Example illustrates an embodiment of the personal cleansing composition of the present invention.  
30 The formulation of this embodiment is set forth in Table I.

Table I: Exemplary Base Formula

INGREDIENT	WEIGHT %
Deionized water	62.6810
Tetrasodium EDTA	0.0400
Citric Acid	0.1140
Dye	0.3000
Sodium Lauryl Sulfate	28.0000
Sodium Laureth Sulfate	1.0000
Cocamidopropyl Betaine	6.5400
DMDM Hydantoin	0.2000
Fragrance	0.2250
Ammonium Chloride	0.9000
Total	100%

In preparing the composition set forth in Table I, a first step involved adding deionized water, which was  
5 pre-heated to 125 °F ( $\approx$  51.7 °C), to a large mixing tank supplied with a mixer.

In a second step, tetrasodium EDTA, citric acid, and the dye (in a 1% solution), were then added to the mixing tank while mixing continued. In a third step, sodium  
10 lauryl sulfate, sodium laureth sulfate, and cocamidopropyl betaine were then added to the mixing tank, and mixing continued such that all of the ingredients were dissolved and the batch was clear and homogenous.

15 In a fourth step, DMDM hydantoin was added to the composition and mixing continued until the batch was uniformly mixed. In a fifth step, the fragrance was added while mixing continued.

20 In a sixth step, ammonium chloride was premixed with deionized water, then added to the batch and mixed for at least 20 minutes. The water that is premixed with the ammonium chloride serves as a processing aid and is provided in an amount sufficient for dissolving the salt. It is to be noted that, alternatively, ammonium chloride

may be directly added to the batch without pre-dissolution.

The completed composition exhibited a pH of 4.31, a viscosity of 4,850 cps, a specific gravity at 25°C of 1.01, and a cloud point temperature of -1°C. In addition, the composition exhibited a recovery time of less than 10 minutes upon being subjected to room temperature after the composition had been chilled below the cloud point.

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## EXAMPLE II

This Example illustrates another embodiment of the personal cleansing composition of the present invention. The formulation of this exemplary embodiment is set forth in Table II.

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Table II: Exemplary Base Formulation

INGREDIENT	WEIGHT %
Deionized Water	57.098
Tetrasodium EDTA	0.010
Citric Acid	0.300
Dyes (1% Solution)	0.046
Sodium Lauryl Sulfate	29.750
Cocamidopropyl Amine Oxide	4.200
Cocamidopropyl Betaine	2.000
Aloe Barbadensis Extract	0.010
Passionflower Extract	0.010
Ergocalciferol	0.001
DMDM Hydantoin	0.200
Fragrance	0.750
Deionized Water	5.000
Ammonium Chloride	0.625
Total	100.000%

This composition was prepared as generally described in Example I. In this respect, the dyes were added with tetrasodium EDTA and citric acid in the second step.

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Aloe Barbadensis Extract, Passionflower Extract and Ergocalciferol were added along with DMDM hydantoin in the fourth step (and mixed until the batch was uniformly mixed).

5       The completed composition had a pH of 4.9, a viscosity of 4,300 cps, a specific gravity at 25°C of 1.01, and a clear honey-brown color. The composition also had a cloud point of 3°C and a recovery time of about 10 minutes after being subjected to room temperature  
10       after having been chilled below the cloud point.

      While this invention has been described with an emphasis upon certain preferred embodiments, it will be apparent to those of ordinary skill in the art that  
15       variations in the preferred compositions and methods may be used and that it is intended that the invention may be practiced otherwise than as specifically described herein. Accordingly, this invention includes all modifications encompassed within the spirit and scope of  
20       the invention as defined by the following claims.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A normally clear personal cleansing composition  
that is essentially free of amides of diethanolamine  
5 comprising:

a cloud point depressing agent comprising  
ammonium chloride; and  
water.

10 2. The composition of claim 1, wherein said  
composition further comprises sodium lauryl sulfate.

3. The composition of claim 2, wherein sodium  
lauryl sulfate is present in an amount of from about 5%  
15 to about 45% by weight of said composition.

4. The composition of claim 3, wherein sodium  
lauryl sulfate is present in an amount of from about 20%  
to about 40% by weight of said composition.

20 5. The composition of claim 4, wherein sodium  
lauryl sulfate is present in an amount of from about 25%  
to about 35% by weight of said composition.

25 6. The composition of claim 2, further comprising  
sodium laureth sulfate.

7. The composition of claim 6, wherein sodium  
laureth sulfate is present in an amount of from about  
30 0.01% to about 10% by weight of said composition.

8. The composition of claim 7, wherein sodium  
laureth sulfate is present in an amount of from about  
0.05% to about 8% by weight of said composition.

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9. The composition of claim 8, wherein sodium laureth sulfate is present in an amount of from about 0.1% to about 5% by weight of said composition.

5 10. The composition of claim 1, wherein ammonium chloride is present in an amount of from about 0.001% to about 5% by weight of said composition.

10 11. The composition of claim 10, wherein ammonium chloride is present in an amount of from about 0.01% to about 2% by weight of said composition.

15 12. The composition of claim 11, wherein ammonium chloride is present in an amount of from about 0.2% to about 1.5% by weight of said composition.

13. The composition of claim 1 further comprising at least one preservative.

20 14. The composition of claim 13, wherein said preservative is selected from the group consisting of 1,3-dimethylol-5,5-dimethyl hydantoin, disodium EDTA, trisodium EDTA, tetrasodium EDTA, and combinations thereof.

25 15. The composition of claim 13, wherein said preservative is present in an amount of from about 0.001% to about 1.75% by weight of said composition.

30 16. The composition of claim 14, wherein said composition comprises:

tetrasodium EDTA, which is present in an amount of from about 0.001% to about 1% by weight of said composition; and

35 1,3-dimethylol-5,5-dimethyl hydantoin, which is present in an amount of from about 0.01% to about 0.75% by weight of said composition.

17. The composition of claim 1, further comprising a chelating agent.

5        18. The composition of claim 17, wherein said chelating agent is present in an amount of from about 0.001% to about 1% by weight of said composition.

10       19. The composition of claim 17, wherein said chelating agent comprises tetrasodium EDTA, trisodium EDTA, disodium EDTA, and combinations thereof.

15       20. The composition of claim 1, further comprising sodium laureth sulfate.

20       21. The composition of claim 1, further comprising a pH adjuster, which is present in an amount sufficient to maintain the pH of said composition from about 3.5 to about 7.5.

25       22. The composition of claim 21, wherein said pH adjuster is selected from the group consisting of citric acid, lactic acid, phosphoric acid, hydrochloric acid, and combinations thereof.

30       23. The composition of claim 21, wherein said pH adjuster is present in an amount of from about 0.01% to about 0.5% by weight of said composition.

35       24. The composition of claim 2, further comprising a non-anionic cleansing agent.

      25. The composition of claim 24, wherein said non-anionic cleansing agent is selected from the group consisting of betaines, amine oxides, nonionic acyl polyglucosides, and combinations thereof.

26. The composition of claim 25, wherein said amphoteric cleansing agent comprises cocamidopropyl betaine.

5        27. The composition of claim 1, further comprising at least one additional component selected from the group consisting of dyes, fragrances, vitamins, quaternary conditioning agents, and combinations thereof.

10       28. The composition of claim 27, wherein said composition comprises a quaternary conditioning agent selected from the group consisting of provitamin B5, ergocalciferol, tocopherol, polyquat-7, polyquat-10, cocotrimonium chloride, and combinations thereof.

15       29. The composition of claim 1, wherein the pH of said composition is from about 3.5 to about 7.5.

20       30. The composition of claim 1, wherein the viscosity of said composition is from about 1,500 cps to about 20,000 cps.

25       31. The composition of claim 1, wherein the cloud point of said composition is at a temperature of about 6°C or lower.

30       32. The composition of claim 31, wherein the cloud point of said composition is at a temperature of about 2°C or lower.

33. The composition of claim 32, wherein the cloud point of said composition is at a temperature of about 0°C or lower.

35       34. The composition of claim 1, wherein water is present in an amount of from about 25% to about 80% by weight of said composition.

35. The composition of claim 1, wherein said composition is characterized by a recovery time which is faster than the recovery time of said composition absent ammonium chloride.

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36. A normally clear foam-producing personal cleansing composition that is essentially free of amides of diethanolamine comprising:

- (a) water;
- 10 (b) sodium lauryl sulfate;
- (c) a secondary or tertiary cleansing agent or any combination thereof;
- (d) a cloud point depressing agent comprising ammonium chloride;
- 15 (e) at least one preservative; and, optionally, one or more of the following ingredients:
- (f) a protein or protein derivative;
- (g) a dye;
- 20 (h) a fragrance; and
- (i) a pH adjuster.

37. The composition of claim 36, wherein said secondary anionic cleansing agent comprises sodium laureth sulfate.

38. The composition of claim 37, wherein said preservative is selected from the group consisting of tetrasodium EDTA, trisodium EDTA, disodium EDTA, 1,3-dimethylol-5,5-dimethyl hydantoin, and combinations thereof.

39. A method of reducing the cloud point temperature in a normally clear aqueous personal cleansing composition that is essentially free of amides of diethanolamine, comprising:  
adding ammonium chloride to said composition.

40. The method of claim 39, wherein said composition further comprises sodium lauryl sulfate.

5        41. The method of claim 39, wherein said adding of ammonium chloride reduces the cloud point in said composition by at least about 40%.

10       42. The method of claim 41, wherein said adding of ammonium chloride reduces the cloud point in said composition by at least about 8°C.

15       43. The method of claim 41, wherein said adding of ammonium chloride reduces the cloud point in said composition to a temperature of about 6°C or lower.

20       44. The method of claim 43, wherein said adding of ammonium chloride reduces the cloud point in said composition to a temperature of about 2°C or lower.

      45. The method of claim 44, wherein said adding of ammonium chloride reduces the cloud point in said composition to a temperature of about 0°C or lower.

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